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AMERICA UNITES IN REMEMBRANCE

THE MEMORIAL DAY, WHEREVER YOU ARE, PAUSE TO REMEMBER AMERICA'S FALLEN

"The Mystic Cords Of Memory, Stretching From Every Battlefield
And Patriot Grave To Every Living Heart...Should Swell Into A Mighty
Chorus Of Remembrance, Gratitude And Rededication On This
Solemn Occasion." Abraham Lincoln

The California Department of Veterans Affairs encourages all veterans and other Californians to observe the ***National Moment of Remembrance*** on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. local time (duration: one minute). The ***Moment*** does not replace the traditional Memorial Day observances. It is intended to be a unifying act of remembrance for Americans of all ages. As you participate in the ***Moment*** you are helping reclaim Memorial Day for the noble and sacred reason for which it was intended—to honor those who died in service to our Nation.

Participation in the ***Moment*** is voluntary and informal. You may observe in your own way a Moment of Remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever you are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."

You may also organize the observance more formally at such places as your neighborhood, local pool, picnic grounds, etc., for one minute of remembrance. You may ring a bell to signify the beginning and the end of the ***Moment*** or tune in to a local radio station that is observing the ***Moment*** with the playing of "[Taps](#)" or "[On This Day](#)." If you are driving a vehicle, you may turn on your headlights.

In May 1996, the idea of the ***Moment*** was born when children touring Washington, DC, were asked what Memorial Day meant. They responded, "That's the day the pools open!"

On December 28, 2000, by Public Law 106-579, the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance was established. The ***Moment*** has the personal support of the President of the United States. To read an overview of P.L. 106-579, and to read the ***Moment's*** Mission Statement, [click here](#).

MEMORIAL DAY 2005 EVENTS

The Memorial Day 2005 Events Calendar is now available on the CDVA homepage at www.cdva.ca.gov. Please continue forwarding your organization's Memorial Day 2005 Events to us for inclusion in updates

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